

**COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES**

CSPD Projects

State Improvement Plan
Montana Schools
Inservice Needs Assessment
Special Education Endorsement
Speech Traineeships
CSPD Council (Strategic Plan)
Parent Support
Professional Group Support
Manuals
Disability Awareness Curriculum
(People Like Us)
Dissemination
Services for Children with Deafness
and Blindness (Dual Sensory
Impairments)
Assistive Technology Task Force
Regional CSPD Councils
Resource Directory
Montana Behavioral Initiative
Interpreter Training Project
NASDSE Satellite Series
Paraprofessional Consortium
Paraprofessional Resource Guide
Transition Outcomes Project

Direct Funds to District

LEA Compliance Funds
Inservice Training/Technical
Assistance
Regional CSPD Councils
\$24,000 per CSPD Region

**Regional CSPD Inservice Training
Activities**

Inclusion Workshops/Sites
Paraprofessional Training
Classroom/Behavior Management
Technology for Students with Disabilities
Transition
ADD/ADHD
Special Education Foundations/Law 504
Learning Strategies
Preschool Issues
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect
Strategic Tutoring
MetNet Training for CSPD Committee
Members
Pervasive Developmental Disorder
Transition Outcomes Project
Functional Behavior Assessment

Inservice Training/Technical Assistance Activities

- Montana Conference of Education Leadership
- Council for Exceptional Children Conference
- Summer Institute (Rural Institute on Disabilities)
- Annual **Conference** on Services to Children and Adolescents with Emotional Disturbance and Their Families
- Developmental Disabilities Conference
- Monitoring Workshops (**MetNet**)
- Montana Behavioral Initiative/Big Sky Summer Institute
- Educator's Convention (**MEA/MFT**)
- Strategic Tutoring Workshops
- Early Assistance
- Temporary Seasonal Employees
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State Improvement Grant

On April 19, 2000, the Division of Special Education at the Office of Public Instruction was awarded a State Improvement Grant from the United States Department of Education. The grant will be for a total of five years with a funding level of \$550,000 annually. Montana's State Improvement Grant will encompass initiatives that serve four purposes: Align current activities within general and special education; create a unified and coherent agenda of school improvement in Montana; target specific areas of need unique to the delivery of services to students with disabilities, creating new partnerships, approaches, and solutions to improve outcomes in areas known to be in need of improvement; and target statewide challenges in areas of personnel preparation, recruitment, retention and professional development.

Elements of the grant that are of special interest include components that:

- Support students with disability participation in statewide assessments,
- Coordination between special education and improvement efforts for overall school improvement,
- Integrated management information system that brings together data collected by general education, special education and vocational education divisions of the **OPI**, and
- **Expanded** efforts at recruitment and retention of special education personnel.